



<b>Subject:</b>	Pitch Partner Agreements Update
<b>Date:</b>	3 December 2024
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>																
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Pitch Partner Agreements for 1 April 2024 – 31 October 2024.																
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>																
2.1	Committee are asked to note the progress to date at Partner Agreement sites and that partner agreements have been extended until 31 March 2025 or until new arrangements are put in place following completion of the Community Asset Transfer Pilot.																
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>																
3.1	<p><b>Legal Agreements</b></p> <p>Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below. The Agreements are for a period of 5 years with option to extend for up to a further two years. The department has extended all of the Agreements beyond the initial 5 year period and up to 31 March 2024.</p>																
3.2	<p><b>Agreement Extension</b></p> <p>On 12 March 2024, Committee agreed to extend existing Pitch Partner Agreements until 31 March 2025.</p>																
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3.4	Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and Governance have been completed at all sites. The reporting documents were amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. All partners are compliant on these matters.																
3.5	<p><b>Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans</b></p> <p>All partners submitted their plans in early 2024 to improve sports development outcomes at each site in the 2024 – 2025 financial year.</p> <p>Funding of up to £20,000 per annum has been available for each partner to deliver a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer to all partners are based on approved sports development plans for the financial year. Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year.</p>																

**Monitoring**

3.6 Quarterly monitoring meetings with our delivery partners continue to take place. These meetings include updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and their sports development plan. Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners during these discussions to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved, and improvements identified where required.

**Sports Development Impact**

3.7 In line with Council objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact are priorities at the partner agreement sites. Programme delivery continues to achieve positive achievements across the sites.

3.8 The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarters 1 & 2 (April-October 2024).

<b>A. Participation type</b>	
1. Members of different codes	5154
2. People with a Disability	420
3. People from a minority ethnic background	4772
4. Females	5018
5. Older people	4127
6. Schools / youth organisations	27
<b>B. Participation usage</b>	
Number of full pitch/adult matches on site	581
Number of full pitch/adult match participations	18762
Number of small sided/youth matches on site	781
Number of youth match participations	30168
Number of training sessions held on site	1963
Number of training session participants	48055
Number of other bookings / activities on site	174
Number of other bookings/activity participants on site	12435
<b>C. Partnership working</b>	
1. Working with Belfast City Council	14
2. Sport's Governing Bodies	54
3. Other teams / groups in your sport	56
4. Other teams / groups in different sports	15
5. Community / voluntary groups	23
<b>D. Social value</b>	
1. Young people at risk	1026
2. Encourage participation of under- represented groups	12960
3. Promote positive cross community relations	939
4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities	12714
5. Promote Volunteering skills	531
6. Develop skills that will improve employability	222

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**Financial & Resource Implications**

3.10	A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites. <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
4.1	None